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Preliminary majority prices were trending unchanged when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and food service demand ranged slow to moderate best where featured, but limited in some areas due to Lenten holiday. Supplies were at least sufficient for trade needs with 3 pound and heavier sizes in the Northeast and West in the longest position. In the parts complex breast items were adequate to instances tight, dark meat items were in a better balanced and clearing. Wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/10/03-03/14/03 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	53.00-56.00	52.00-61.00	54.97	27
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	53.00-56.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.75	54.00-66.00	63.66	83

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
906	57.15-66.00	63.57

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.50	1,333
BREASTS - B/S	154.50	4,793
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,188
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.50	866
LEG QUARTERS	21.00	8,456
WINGS	70.00	3,317

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings light but in balance for current needs. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair with hopes of improvement as the month progresses. Floor stocks were adequate to well cleared. Sizes were mixed but mostly desirable. Trading on parts was light. Supplies of wings and dark meat were adequate, breast items somewhat tight. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady on boneless/skinless breasts; steady on dark meat cuts and about steady on wings.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was fair to moderate, best for feature activity, fast food and where first of the month business was active. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. Breast and dark meat items were in good balance and clearing. Wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries were generally unchanged for regular commitments and mixed on new negotiations. Offerings were in close balance on less than 3 pound whole body and fully adequate to instances ample on heavier sizes. Buying activity was moderate as anticipated for the Lenten season. Retailer demand was fairly good where features in progress but only fair elsewhere. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was steady to fully steady on parts with boneless breast in the strongest position and wings weaker. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California – whole 59-119, whole cut-up 119, seasoned 97, marinated Cornish hen 199, cornish hen 99-139, boneless breast 177-299, boneless breast 2.5# IQF 699 and 3# 807, boneless leg meat marinated 199, leg meat 79-99 and 40# case 2988, split breast 99-179, whole leg 79, leg quarter 49-77, marinated leg quarter 89, seasoned leg meat 77, leg meat 10# bag 290-390, wing 79-137, thigh 69-159, drumstick 49-159, 15 piece combo pack 5 each of drumstick/thigh/wing 118, fried 8 piece drumstick and thigh 299, fried 8 piece mixed 299-399; Northern California – whole body 79, Cornish 99-199, boneless breast 399, boneless breast IQF 2.5# 599 and 4# 899, boneless thigh meat 249-399, boneless thigh meat IQF 4# 599, whole leg 109-129, split breast 129-199; Colorado – whole body 99, whole cup-up 149 buy one get one free, boneless breast 4# IQF 599, drumstick 99, thigh 99, party wing 4# 599, split breast 99-179; Arizona – whole body 79-89, boneless breast 179-299, seasoned boneless breast 299, boneless thigh meat 199-279, split breast 99-299, leg quarter 58-139, wing IQF 4# 396-848, thigh 58-139, drumstick 58-139, 8 piece mixed fried 399.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was noted as no better than moderate as dealers remained cautious and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was slow. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate, with legs and thighs in the best position. Wings were available, but clearing.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry and were generally more readily available on the 3# pound sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were reduced in several instances and were just moderate overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally noted as adequate to fully adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.68
NO. OF BOXES	11,008
CUMULATIVE	03/03/03-03/07/03 58.00
	03/04/02-03/08/02 51.87
NO. OF BOXES	03/03/03-03/07/03 46,401
	03/04/02-03/08/02 53,625

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

MAR 06

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAR 07

	POUNDS					POUNDS				WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	620	132.00-235.00	134-140	138.36		910	134.00-235.00	135-140	139.53	4,064	140.19
TENDERLOINS	142	120.00-172.00	120-125	134.94		125	118.00-172.00	125-129	137.00	507	139.08
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	82.00-89.00	84-88	86.21		112	83.00-89.00	84-88	86.53	595	86.40
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				266	76.73
LEGS	93	27.00-35.00	28-29	29.51		93	27.00-35.00	27-29	29.51	486	29.21
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	17.00-20.50	18-19	18.81		628	17.00-21.00	18-19	18.83	3,188	18.84
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	765	19.00-29.00	22-23	22.51		1,105	19.00-26.00	21-22	22.11	5,054	22.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	57.00-72.00	-	69.97		101	57.00-72.00	-	66.35	1,207	69.98
WINGS (CUT)	633	75.00-84.00	79-82	80.90		533	75.00-84.00	80-83	81.48	2,302	81.18
DRUMSTICKS	69	35.00-45.00	-	36.30		TOO FEW TO REPORT				344	36.23
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				144	38.54
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT				115	59.26

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					
TRADING FOR MAR 06, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.						TRADING FOR MAR 07, 2003 F.O.B. DOCK.					
RANGE						RANGE					
45.00 - 50.25						45.00 - 50.50					
TODAY'S AVERAGE						TODAY'S AVERAGE					
49.09						49.10					
						5-DAY AVERAGE					
						48.13					

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but was mostly fair to no better than moderate as dealers remained cautious and continued to work hand-to-mouth. Offerings of breast items were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate, although, legs and thighs were noted in the best position. Wings were available, but clearing. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was mostly steady.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

MAR 06	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**					TRADING*	AVG**						
BREAST - B/S	150-155	147.83		403,880		150-155	149.31		443,640	147.61	2,180,510			
TENDERLOINS	110-115	114.73		78,160		110-115	115.81		114,160	114.28	491,940			
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79	88.10		153,040		78-79	87.66		161,240	86.51	839,400			
BREAST - LINE RUN	78	81.99		110,920		78	80.06		131,640	81.79	552,200			
LEGS	32-33	31.65		373,720		32-33	32.69		320,800	32.41	1,460,520			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.36		425,444		20-21	21.40		415,355	21.12	2,216,159			
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	27.53		111,140		23-24	28.59		108,800	28.40	591,610			
THIGHS	22-23	33.11		55,850		22-23	33.54		64,440	32.30	287,146			
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.81		83,840		62-63	67.99		52,040	67.29	351,340			
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67	70.46		164,900		66-67	73.65		174,800	71.24	946,330			
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.46		23,240		10-12	12.04		32,280	12.14	176,600			
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.22		15,040		30-35	29.39		14,440	27.42	90,010			
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.23		13,000		45-50	49.33		27,840	48.86	117,720			

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
03/07	03/06	03/05	03/04	03/05	03/04	02/28	02/26			
ALA	3,809	3,953	3,811	3,718	5.10	5.09	3,947	5.16		
ARK	4,844	5,027	4,963	5,144	5.03	5.07	5,445	4.97		
DELMARVA	2,241	2,337	2,354	2,355	5.12	5.17	2,224	5.20		
KY-LA-TN	1,970	1,957	1,925	1,936	4.98	4.89	2,181	5.01		
MISS	2,765	2,921	2,674	2,854	5.46	5.30	2,447	5.39		
NC	2,488	2,284	2,374	2,659	5.89	5.99	2,611	6.04		
TEXAS	2,433	2,459	2,446	2,071	4.99	4.83	3,107	5.21		
TOTAL	20,550	20,938	20,547	20,571	5.20	5.19	21,962	5.25		

MON-FRI 104,634(A)

101,162(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Mar 03 and 8-Mar-03 is estimated to be 30,745 ,000 down 6.71 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 32,956,000; last year 30,818,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 08-Mar-03 is estimated to be 149,892,000 head up 1 percent from a week ago, and down 3 percent from a year ago
(Last week 148,405,000 Last year 155,103,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-104
	ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 22-Feb-03 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	22,373	21,547	47,090
Avg Weight	3.76	4.73	6.22
% of total /1	25%	24%	52%

COMPARISONS

Last week	29,212	19,535	46,376
Avg Weight	3.85	4.81	6.17
% of total /1	31%	21%	49%

Same week, yr ago /2	33,933	27,575	42,775
Avg Weight	3.80	4.79	6.18
% of total /1	33%	26%	41%

To date/2003	182,591	166,046	335,197
To date/2002	251,152	177,812	369,872

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982	425
AVG WT	5.12	3.34	7.86	5.30	6.56
LAST WEEK	147,355	1,534	1,450	2,984	466
SAME WK YR AGO	154,906	1,705	1,341	3,046	396
AVG WT	5.10	3.37	7.84	5.34	6.85
TO-DATE/2003	1,325,928	14,783	12,160	26,943	3,787
TO-DATE/2002	1,370,820	16,260	11,466	27,726	3,897

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.2 million head or 3.2 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAR 04, 2003
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED FOR ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

RANGE RANGE

Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.35 - 1.45	Geese	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.35 - 1.45	9-14 LBS	.50 - .55
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 - .70	Pigeons	2.85 - 3.10ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.70 - .80	White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.10ea.
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.60 - .85	4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
7-11 LBS	.60 - .70	6-9 LBS	1.05 - 1.20
Guinea Fowl	1.47 - 1.80	Bunnies	4.00 - 9.00ea.
Banty Roosters	4.00 - 5.00ea.	Guinea Pigs	6.00 - 11.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.50ea.	Goats	19.00 - 30.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.16 - .17	Kid Goats	10.00 - 19.00ea.
Leghorn Roosters	.25	Chukars	4.25ea.
Silgies	2.00 - 6.00ea.	Total Coops Sold	387

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 03-MAR-2003

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	140	146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	61-66	64-66
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Parts prices were slightly lower.

Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Weights were desirable. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.30-.45, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 03-MAR-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY	25 145.9	152.9	95%	5.17
FEBRUARY	1 153.0	154.2	99%	5.21
	8 152.2	153.8	99%	5.05
	15 153.9	153.6	100%	5.15
	22 149.1	153.7	97%	5.04
MARCH	1 150.2	153.4	98%	5.12
YEAR TO DATE	1342.0	1365.5	98%	
MARCH	8	155.2		
	15	156.5		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	03/08/03	03/01/03	% CHG	02/23/01	% CHG
Broilers	149,892	148,405*	+01	155,103*	-03
Cattle	636	630	+01	641*	-01
Hogs	1,907	1,925	-01	1,841*	+04

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal values were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings of spent hens were at least adequate. Demand ranged light to moderate at best. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to best. Processing schedules for next week were reported as normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were mostly about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal values ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were usually adequate to occasionally tight with demand light to instances good. Opinions of value on removal costs were generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were too few to report. The volume of light fowl available for recovery was fully adequate. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were on an as needed basis. Costs of disposal were viewed as near unchanged.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on light canners; unchanged on heavies. Demand ranged fair to good with very light trading on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance to tight and clearing. The undertone was fully steady on light canners; at least steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 22-23	30.5-35 MAJORITY 31-32

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22.5-26.5 MAJORITY 24.5-25	31-37 MAJORITY 33-34

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules ranged moderate to full. Offerings reduced in some quarters by END quarantines.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the reduced but fully sufficient offerings. Processing schedules were reported as to less than normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report definitive sales. Offerings were sufficient for normal slaughter schedules. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was only steady.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-8	(1)	3-6
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)	
No. Central Light	0-6	(1)	2-4

(1) Removal Cost

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE FOLLOWING WEEK

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>		<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR		
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

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